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HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1945

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

In presenting my annual report for the year 1945, I have complied with the instructions laid down by the Ministry of Health in Circular 28/46 dated 11th. February 1946.

This year saw the ending of hostilities in Europe and the Far East with Victory for the Allies. It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a lasting peace.

There have been no changes in the general position of health services for the area. The legislation in force in the area has remained the same.

There have been no marked changes or developments in the sanitary circumstances of the area during the year. For details see Sanitary Inspectors report. The water supply was satisfactory in quantity and quality during the year. One chemical examination was made and was satisfactory. Six bacteriogical examinations were made, four of these were satisfactory, one, doubtful, and one unsatisfactory. Twenty eight examinations were made for plumbo-solvency, twenty six of these were satisfactory and two unsatisfactory, after standing all night.

DIPTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During 1945, 306 children were immunised against Diptheria, of these 277 were children under 5 years of age, and 29 were children between 5 and 15 years. This prophylactic treatment is offered by the Government free of charge for all children. In order to take advantage of it, all the parents have to do is to take their child to their own doctor or to the Medical Officer of Health, preferably when the child is 12 months old.

I rendered the following annual return to the Ministry of Health in regard to the Diptheria immunisation for the year ended the 31st. ~~September~~ December 1945.

Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time:-

Age at 31/12/45. i.e.born in year.	under 1. 1945	1. 1944	2. 1943.	3. 1942.	4. 1941.	5 to 9. 1936-40	10 to 14. 1931-35	Total under 15
number immunised.	10	592	186	143	129	672	283	2015
Estimated mid year population 1945.			1250			2320		3570

Diptheria notifications under 15 years. NIL. Diptheria Deaths. NIL.

These figures were supplied to me by the West Riding County Council. They have been amended, but in my opinion are still incorrect although I have no proof. In the past no complete record of the number and ages of children immunised has been kept, either by the W.R.C.C. or by myself as it has not been possible owing to an absence of returns. I estimate that these figures are too low particularly for the older age group and the percentage of children immunised in the district is now about 90%.

EVACUATION.

At the beginning of the year there were 283 (104 adults and 179 children) evacuated persons in the district. After the cessation of hostilities this figure quickly fell, and by the end of June there were only 75 evacuated persons still in the district. Official evacuation ceased in August 1945. At the 31st. December 1945 there remained one unaccompanied child in a billet, one blind adult in a hostel and 9 children ina hostel for difficult children in the district.

APPENDIX 1.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Population (estimated 1945)	17,500
Area.	17,565 acres.
Rateable Value	£90,900
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£359

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

LIVE BIRTHS.	Total.	M.	F.	Birth rate per 1,000 population.	
Holmfirth.	266	145	121	15.2	
	(246	133	113	14.05	legitimate
	(20	12	8	1.14	illegitimate

STILL BIRTHS				Rate per 1,000 popin.	
Holmfirth.	8	4	4	0.45	
	(6	3	3	0.34	legitimate
	(2	1	1	o.11	illegitimate.

DEATHS.				Crude death rate per 1,000 population
Holmfirth	228	110	118	13.02

Deaths from Puerperal Causes;	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 births.
From Puerperal Sepsis	0	0
From other Puerperal causes	0	0

Death rate of Infants under one year.

	Total	Male.	Female.
	11	7	4
legitimate	9	5	4
Illegitimate	2	2	0

	Total Death Rate.	Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.
Holmfirth	41.35	36.58	100

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	38

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

14th. May 1946.

Holmfirth Area.

The Chairman and Members,
of the Holmfirth U.D.C.

Gentlemen,

I herewith furnish statement of the sanitary work done, coming under my notice and supervision during 1945.

Dairies and Cowsheds Regulations.	1945
Number of Inspections made during 1945	219
Number of cowsheds registered	90
Samples of milk taken for analysis for dirt e.g. sedimentation list	10
Result of analysis of above samples taken.	Good.

Nuisances.

Number of inspections during 1945	595
" reported during 1945	31
" in hand at close of 1944	3
" needing abatement	34
" abated during 1945	29
" outstanding at close of 1945	5
" of informal notices served	24
" " " " complied with	24
" " statutory notices served	10
" " " " complied with	5

Meat Inspections.

The bulk of the meat consumed in this area is centrally slaughtered at the Huddersfield Corporation abattoir and transferred into this area, a large number of pigs have been slaughtered privately in this district which have been inspected.

Sewerage and Drainage.

No specific development of sewers and drains during 1945.

Closet accomodation.

Number of pail closets in district at close of 1945.	56
" " privies with covered middens " " "	865
" " privies into water closets during 1945	3
" " additional water closets provided to old property during 1945	4
" " water closets in district at close of 1945	1915

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Evacuation, and all officials of the Council for their valuable assistance.

I am Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Sam Bray.

Sanitary Inspector and Chief Billeting Officer.

Holmfirth Urban District Council.

Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendents
Annual Report

May 1946.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for consideration my annual report upon the Sanitary and Cleansing sections of the district for the year 1945.

A summary of inspections is as follows :-

Nuisances	512
Houses	68
Cowsheds	222
Meat and other foods	345
Workshops	10
Factories	31
Bakehouses	14
Houses and Schools disinfected	24
Informal notices served	93
" " complied with	93
Statutory notices served	1
" " complied with	1

Farms and Cowsheds.

Two more licences have been granted for the production of accredited milk which brings the total now to 13 and 1 tuberculin tested herd in the New Mill and Honley area. Inspections have also been made of other cowsheds registered in the district.

Meat Inspections.

All pigs killed on licence have been inspected and the bulk of the meat supply comes from Huddersfield and is distributed locally. Meat found unfit for food was surrendered and destroyed (122 lbs of Pork and 60 lbs. of offals).

Sanitary Conveniences.

One factory has recently converted its tub closets to the Water Carriage System but there are still three factories which are using the old type of closet. There have not been many conversions of privy middens and tub closets during the year but if a grant towards the cost of this work was allowed, there is no doubt that good progress would be made.

Public Cleansing Service.

Careful supervision has been given to this work and although there have been difficulties with regard to labour and mechanical parts for the vehicles a very efficient service has been maintained.

The approximate amount of refuse disposed of is as follows:-

Berry Banks Tip. -	2960	tons
Honley Destructor -	1480	"
Syke Bottom and Foster Place-	1330	"

Salvage.

The quantity of salvaged materials collected from April 1st/45 to March 31st/46 and the amount realised from the sale of t is material is as follows:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	106.	16.	2	690.	12.	11.
Kitchen Waste	87.	14.	2	131.	11.	9
Tins	41.	6.	2	64.	1.	1
Textiles	6.	13.	2	58.	17.	0
Black Scrap	7.	0.	2	21.	16.	9
Bones	1.	3.	2	6.	1.	6
Rubber	1.	1.	1	3.	3.	2
	251.	16.	1	976.	4.	2

In concluding may I tender my thanks to the Chairman, Committees and Officials of the Council for their help and co-operation, and to the manual workers for their assistance in the Salvage and Public Cleansing Service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Irvin Haigh.

Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Supt.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Non notifiable Infectious diseases.

There was an influenza epidemic during the winter months of 1945 and there were 5 deaths from this disease compared with 3 in 1944. Infective gastro-enteritis, some cases of a severe type was prevalent throughout the year. Chicken Pox and Mumps occured amongst children. There was still a certain amount of scabies prevalent in the district during 1945.

Notifiable infectious diseases.

473 cases of notifiable infectious diseases were notified to me during 1945 compared with 191 in 1944. Excluding cases notified under the measles and whooping cough regulations of 1939, there were 61 cases of other infectious disease compared with 61 in 1944 and 109 in 1943. These were comprised as follows:-

Scarlet Fever	40	Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Pneumonia	15	Opthalmia Neonatorum	1
Diptheria	2	Measles	344
Erysipelas	2	Whooping Cough	68

In addition 4 cases were notifed to me as diptheria and later prooved not to be due to B.Diptheria and one as dysentry, later prooved to be a simple enteritis.

Scarlet Fever.

40 cases of scarlet fever were notified during the year. All were isolated in hospital, and there were no deaths from this disease. These cases were scattered throughout the district during the whole of the year, there being 21 from Holmfirth, 6, from Honley, 5 from New Mill and 8 from Holme.

Diptheria.

6 cases were notified to me as Diptheria during the year and were isolated in hospital and recovered. 4 of these cases were found not to be diptheria but one of them was a case of scarlet fever, both the cases of diptheria were adults. One of these cases had been immunised against diptheria in childhood.

Pneumonia.

15 cases of Pneumonia were notified during the year, there were three deaths from this disease.

Measles.

344 cases were notified during the winter months of the year 116 of these were in the old Holmfirth district, 59 from Honley, 159 from New Mill, and 10 from Holme. There were no deaths from this disease.

Whooping cough.

69 cases of whooping cough were notified during the summer months; there was one death, of an infant under 1 year of age from this disease . 43 cases were from Holmfirth, 22 from Honley and 3 from New Mill.

Tuberculosis.

8 fresh cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 3 of non-pulmonary tuberculosis have been notified during the year. There have been 5 deaths from this disease, all pulmonary. tuberculosis.

HOLMFIRTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases during the year 1945.

DISEASE.	Total cases notified.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	Over 65 years.	Cases admitted to Hospt.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	40		3		2	3	18	9	1	3	1			40	
Diptheria	2								2					2	
Pneumonia	15	1		2	1		3			3		3	2		3
Erysipelas	2										1	1			
Puerperal Pyrexia	1									1					
Opthalmia Neonatorum	1	1													
Whooping Cough	68	8	11	9	12	6	22								1
Measles	344	12	28	46	33	44	158	17	1	2	3				
TOTALS	473	22	42	57	48	53	201	26	4	9	5	4	2	42	4

Hospital for the treatment of Infectious Diseases -
The Colne & Holme Joint Isolation Hospital at Meltham.

HOLMFIRTH URB N DISTRICT.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 to 5 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5 to 10 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10 to 15 years	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
15 to 20 years	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 to 25 years	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
25 to 35 years	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
35 to 45 years	3	..	2	..	1	..	..	..
45 to 55 years	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
55 to 65 years	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Over 65 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	5	3	2	1	2	3	..	..

APPENDIX II.

Statistics provided by the Registrar General.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	No.of Births.	Birth Rate per 1,000.	No.of Deaths.	Crude Death Rate per 1,000.	Deaths under 1 year.	Rate per 1,000 births.
1940	227	12.12	271	14.47	8	35.24
1941	208	10.97	245	12.92	10	47.39
1942	255	14.09	233	12.88	12	47.05
1943	265	15.12	254	14.49	8	30.01
1944	298	16.90	244	13.84	10	33.55
1945	266	15.2	228	13.02	11	41.35

BIRTHS.

266 births have been registered during the year of which 145 were males and 121 females. 20 of these births were illegitimate, 12 male and 8 female. The birth rate is 15.2 per 1,000 persons compared with a birth rate of 16.1 for the whole of England and Wales. There were 8 still births, of which four were male and four female registered during the year. Two of these still births, one male and one female were illegitimate. This gives a still birth rate per 1,000 persons of 0.45 compared with the still birth rate of 0.46 for England and Wales.

INFANT MORTALITY.

There were 11 deaths amongst infants under one year of age, compared with 10 in 1944. Seven of these were males and four females, nine (five males and four females) were legitimate; two males were illegitimate. The causes of death were :- premature birth 5, congenital malformation 3, whooping cough 1, broncho pneumonia 1, gastro enteritis 1, the infant mortality rate was 41.35 compared with an infant mortality rate of 46. for England and Wales.

DEATHS.

During the year 358 deaths were registered in the district, 130 of these deaths were persons belonging to other districts and were transferred out of the district; 30 deaths occured amongst persons outside the district, belonging to the district, and these were transferred back for registration. This gives a net total of 228 deaths for the district, 110 of these were male and 118 females. The crude death rate is 13.02 per 1,000 persons, compared with the death rate of 11.4 for England and Wales.

Places of death.

56 of the total of 228 deaths occured in public institutions.

Ages at death.

Of the total of 228 deaths, 2, were persons over the age of 90 years, 113, persons over the age of 65 years, and 62, persons between 45 and 65 years.

Causes of death.

The chief causes of death were heart disease 67, other circulatory diseases 7, cancer 36, cerebral vascular diseases 33, bronchitis 14, nephritis 7, influenza 5.

Maternal Mortality.

There were no deaths from puerperal causes during the year, this gives a maternal mortality of 0 per 1,000 (live and still births) compared with maternal mortality rate of 1.46 for England and Wales.

CAUSES OF DEATH in 1945.

The Registrar General's list of causes of death is as stated below:-

Causes of death.

	M.	F.
Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fevers	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	1
Diptheria	-	-
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	2	3
Other forms of tuberculosis	-	-
Syphilitic diseases	-	-
Influenza	4	1
Measles	-	-
Ac.Polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis	-	-
Ac:INg:Encephalitis	-	-
Cancer of Buc:Cav: and oesophagus (M). uterus (F)	-	2
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	5
Cancer of breast	-	4
Cancer of all other sites	13	12
Diabetes	-	3
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	18	15
Heart disease	33	34
Other circulatory diseases	3	4
Bronchitis	8	6
Pneumonia	-	3
Other respiratory diseases	-	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	-
Diarrhoea, under 2 years	1	-
Appendicitis	-	-
Other digestive diseases	3	-
Nephritis	4	3
Puerperal and postabortion sepsis	-	-
Other maternal causes	-	-
Premature birth	3	2
Congenital malformation and birth injuries	2	1
Suicide	1	-
Road traffic accidents	1	-
Other violent causes	-	2
All other causes	11	16
All causes	110	118

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T.S. DAVY, M.B.

Medical Officer of Health.